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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

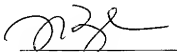
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Reference number 1 was cited in a European Office Action dated March 2, 2009 received from the European Patent Office. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed. The relevance of the above-cited reference has been described in the Office Action.

Applicants are submitting a copy of the above-cited reference required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) and (ii).

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Respectfully submitted,



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